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PREVIOUSLY IN *KING SPAWN*

The Exodus Foundation's secret laboratory has been shut down by Spawn. Unfortunately a visit by Clown means Al's problems are just starting.



C'MON,
YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO JUST
STARE ME
DOWN, ARE
YOU?

SURELY,
YOU'VE GOT
SOMETHING
TO SAY.

HE DOES, BUT SPAWN'S NOT
WILLING TO GIVE THIS MORTAL
ENEMY A SINGLE WORD OF
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. HE'LL
ENGAGE WHEN HE'S READY
--ON HIS OWN TERMS.

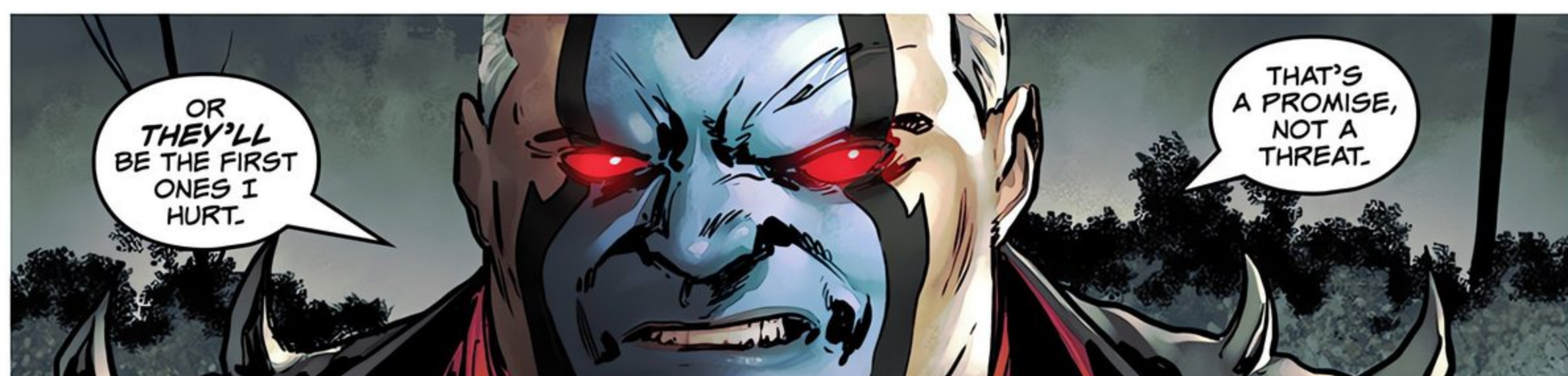
NOT THOSE OF HIS
WIFE'S MURDERER.

SO, I KNOW
YOU'RE SMART
ENOUGH TO IMAGINE
THE CONSEQUENCES
OF WHAT HAPPENS IF
YOU DON'T ACCEPT MY
OFFER, OR WE'LL
ALL BE WIPED
OUT.

FINE.

HAVE IT
YOUR WAY, BUT
THIS IS THE LAST
TIME I'M ASKING
FOR YOUR HELP. I
RARELY GIVE
SECOND
CHANCES.

THE TWO OF THEM HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL
THIS ALREADY.* SPAWN WAS DISINTERESTED
BEFORE--AND HE'S DISINTERESTED NOW. TO
HIM, THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIM OR
COGLIOSTRO. BOTH ARE EQUALLY MANIACAL.





THE FIRST TO REACT IS YOKO, WITH GUTTURAL NOISES FILLING THE NIGHT AIR.



I'LL SERVE NO ONE!

TERRY, CONTROL HER!

CYAN REACTS SECOND...



SAY THE WORD, AL WE'VE ALL GOT YOUR BACK.

THIS CAN'T BE THE VAUNTED ARMY YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING TOGETHER, IS IT?



COGLIOSTRO, YOU UNDERSTAND, WILL SLAUGHTER THEM THE **MOMENT** HE LAYS EYES ON THEM. I DON'T GIVE A SHIT WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM, BUT YOU MIGHT.



YOUR MOVE, SIMMONS.



BUT
LET ME GIVE
YOU A LITTLE
PUSH.

YOKO
CHARGES
FORWARD.

YOKO!
NO!

WITH A CASUAL GESTURE,
CLOWN ENGULFS THEM ALL IN
A COCOON OF IONIC **SHOCK-
WAVES**--PARALYZING EACH OF
THEM WHILE VIBRATING THEIR
BODIES SO THEY FEEL LIKE
THEY'RE ABOUT TO EXPLODE.

BLANKETING THEM
IN A **SEARING**,
BLINDING LIGHT!



I KNOW
HOW MUCH YOU
DESPISE THE LIGHT,
HOW MUCH IT HURTS.
THAT SEED OF VAMPIRE
BLOOD IN YOU WILL
BE YOUR DOWNFALL
SOMEDAY. BUT
FOR NOW---

I'LL MAKE
SOMEONE
ELSE MY
EXAMPLE.

CLOWN LOCKS HIS
GAZE ON YOKO,
AS HE INCREASES
HER VIBRATIONAL
FREQUENCY.

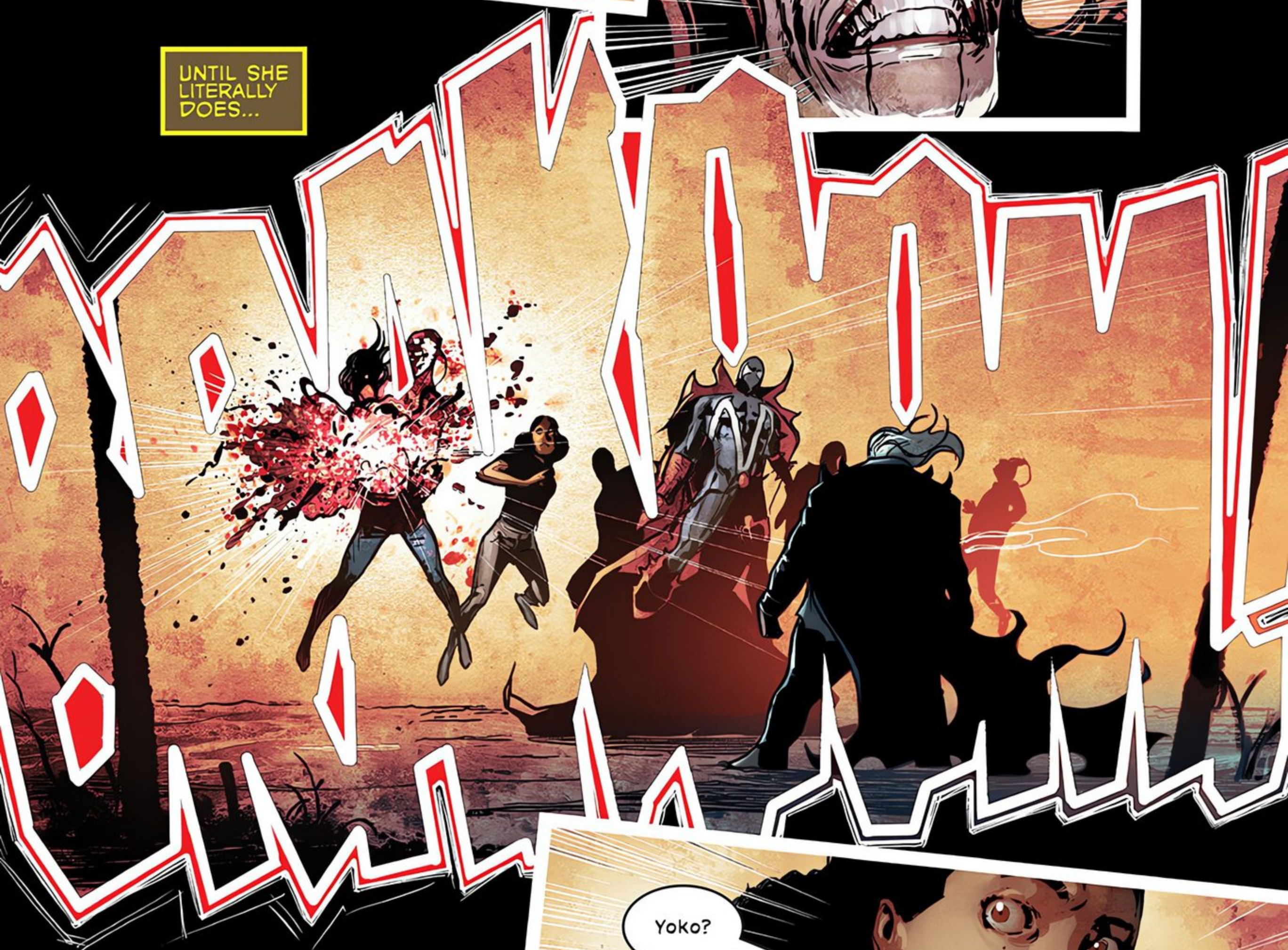


HIGHER.

AND HIGHER.



UNTIL SHE
LITERALLY
DOES...



EXPLODE!



Yoko?



NOW...
TELL YOUR
DOGS TO GET
THE F*CK OUT
OF HERE!

YOKO
WAS HALF
DEAD
ALREADY.



THE NEXT
ONE WILL
BE FULLY
HUMAN.



GO!

SPAWN HAS NO
CHOICE BUT TO
FOLLOW CLOWNS
ORDERS.



UNABLE TO PROCESS
WHAT THEY'VE
WITNESSED, THEY
WALK AWAY IN SHOCK.



SO,
WHAT? WE
JUST LEAVE
THEM?

YES.



THEY'LL
BE LONG
GONE BY THE
TIME YOU GOT
BACK THERE
ANYWAY.



NOW
GO BE GOOD
COPS AND NAIL
EXODUS TO THE
CROSS.

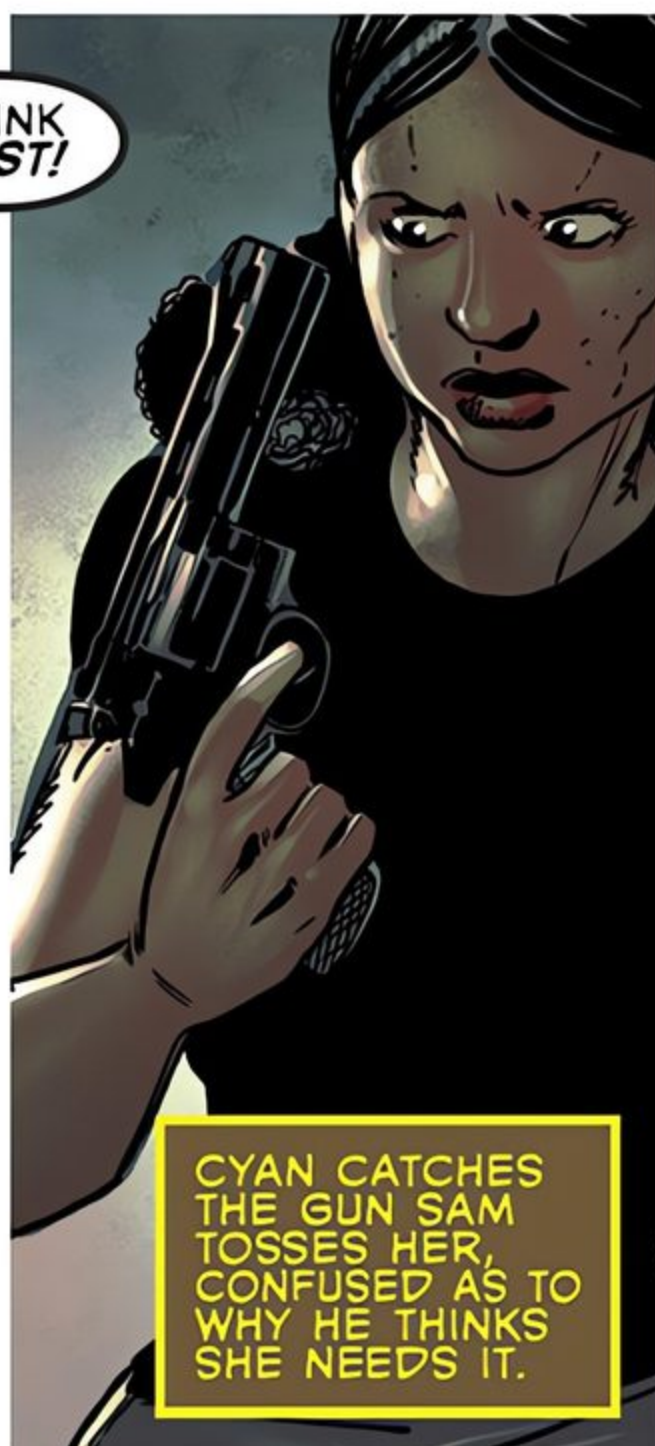
WHAT
ABOUT YOU
TWO?

WE'LL
BE FINE.

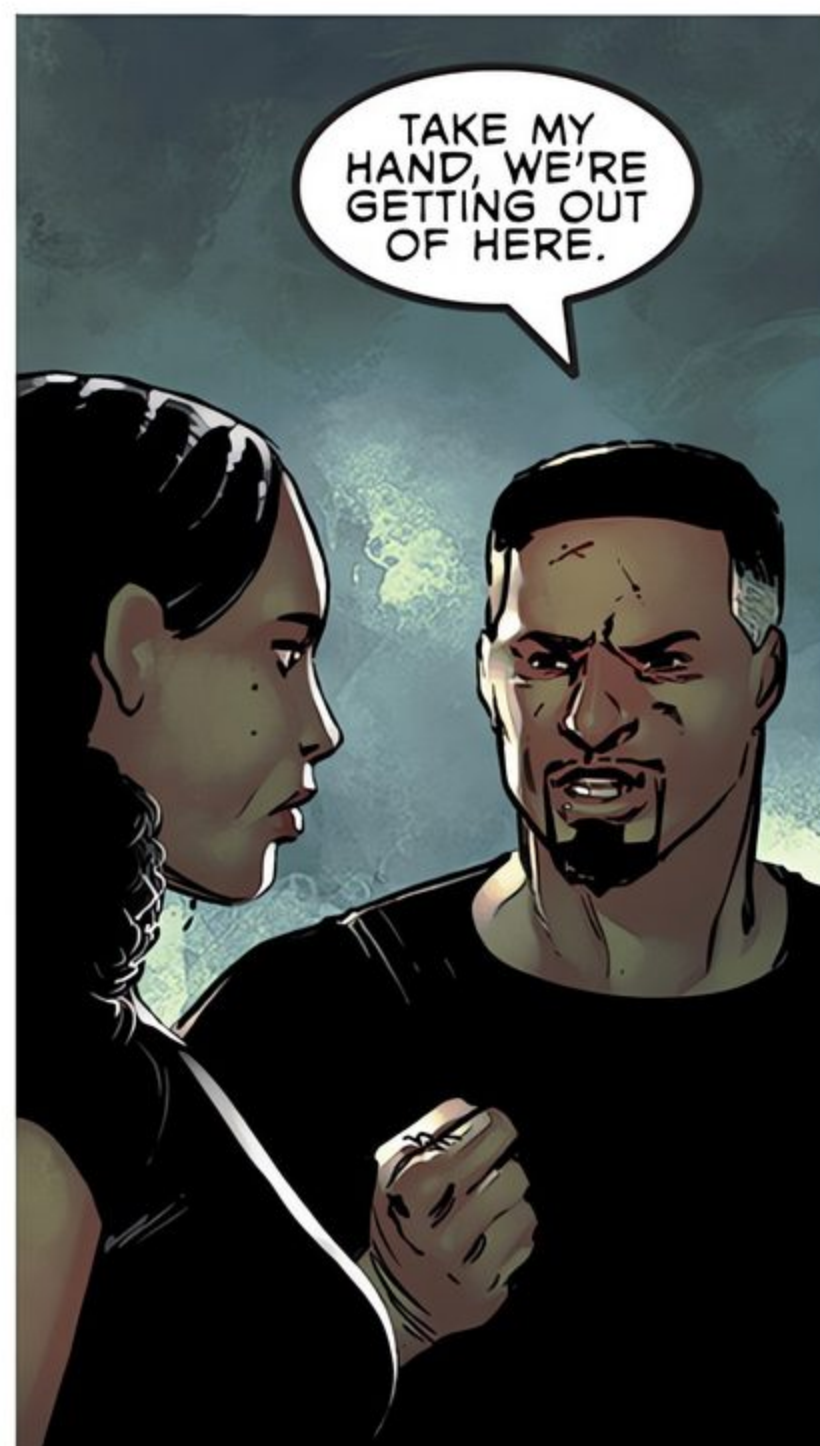


THINK
FAST!

HEY,
KID.



CYAN CATCHES
THE GUN SAM
TOSSES HER,
CONFUSED AS TO
WHY HE THINKS
SHE NEEDS IT.



TAKE MY
HAND, WE'RE
GETTING OUT
OF HERE.



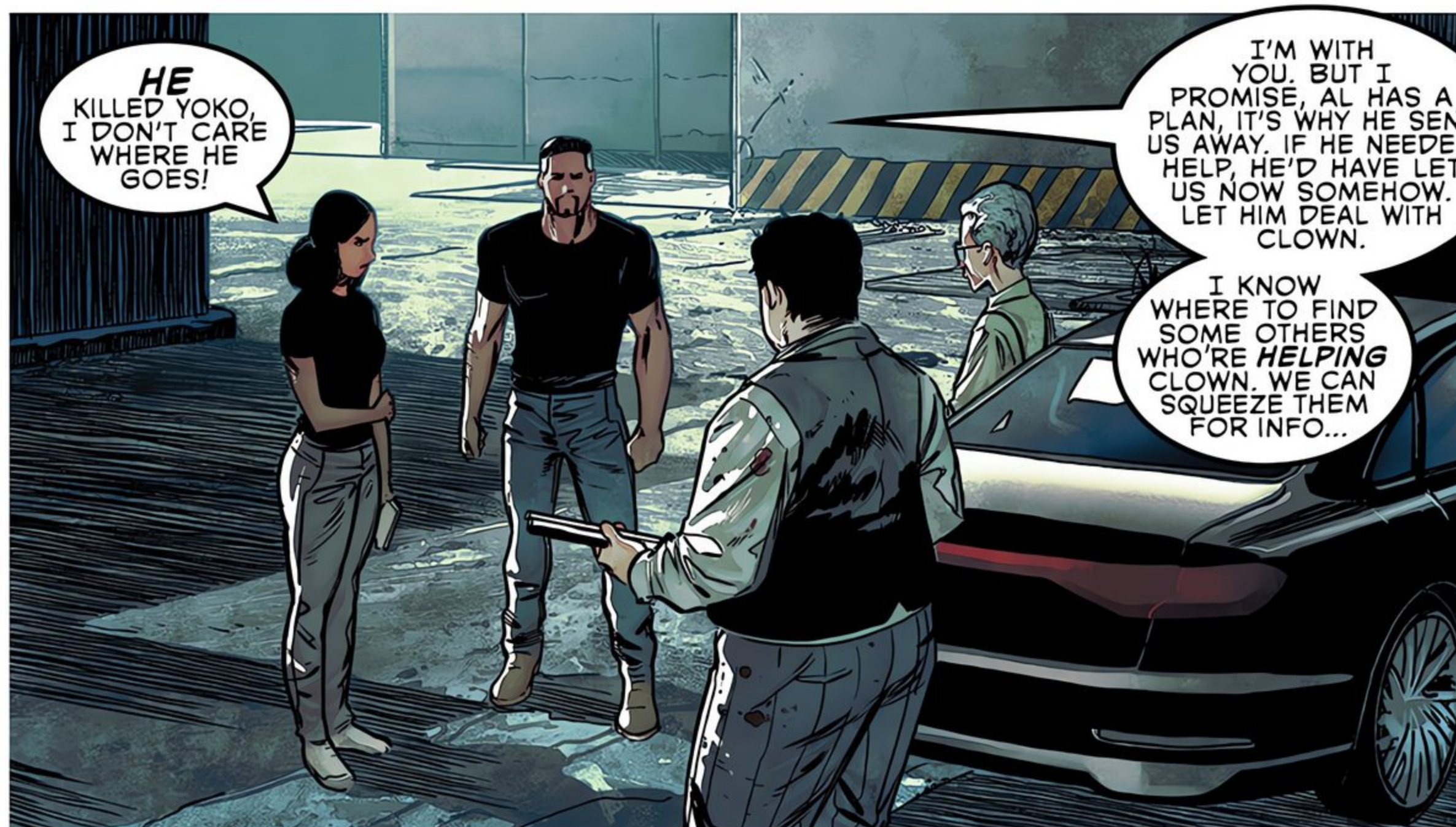
I...
CAN'T.

THEY DON'T
KNOW THAT
HER OWN
POWERS HAVE
RECENTLY
CURSED
HER, TOO.

BUT I'M
NOT LEAVING AL
BACK THERE,
EITHER.



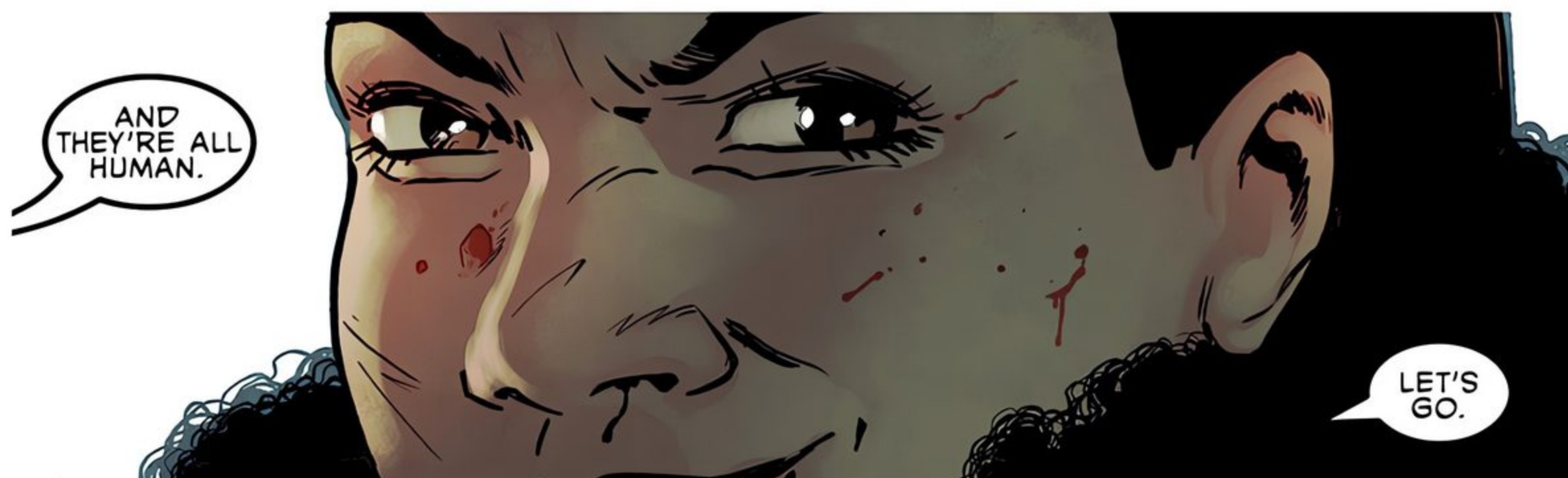
WE DON'T
HAVE A CHOICE.
AL AND CLOWN
TRAVEL IN THE
SHADOWS, THEY CAN
GO *ANYWHERE*, WE
CAN'T KEEP UP
WITH THAT.



HE
KILLED YOKO,
I DON'T CARE
WHERE HE
GOES!

I'M WITH
YOU. BUT I
PROMISE, AL HAS A
PLAN, IT'S WHY HE SENT
US AWAY. IF HE NEEDED
HELP, HE'D HAVE LET
US NOW SOMEHOW.
LET HIM DEAL WITH
CLOWN.

I KNOW
WHERE TO FIND
SOME OTHERS
WHO'RE *HELPING*
CLOWN. WE CAN
SQUEEZE THEM
FOR INFO...



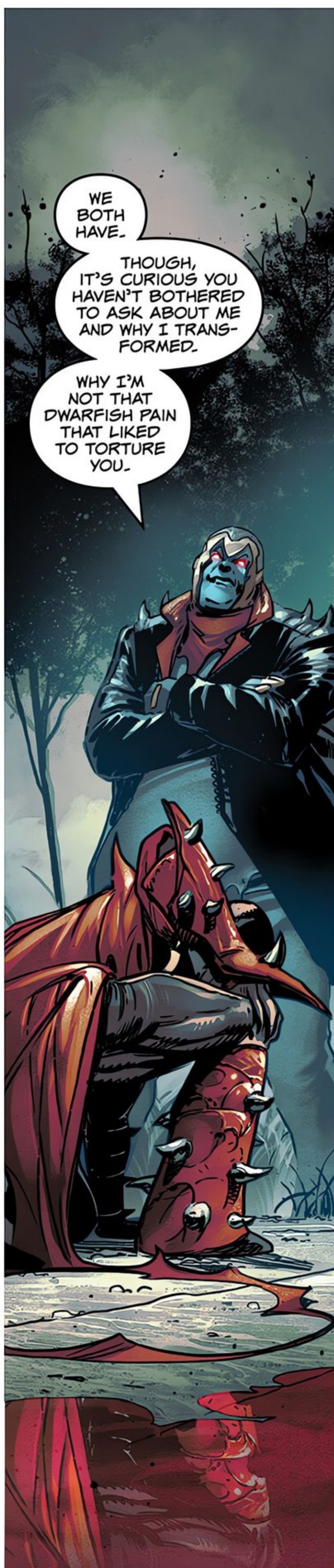
AND
THEY'RE ALL
HUMAN.

LET'S
GO.



IT SEEMS
LIKE YOU'VE BEEN
NEEDING MORE AND
MORE HELP THESE
DAYS. THAT'S NOT THE
BIG, TOUGH GUY AL
SIMMONS I USED
TO KNOW.

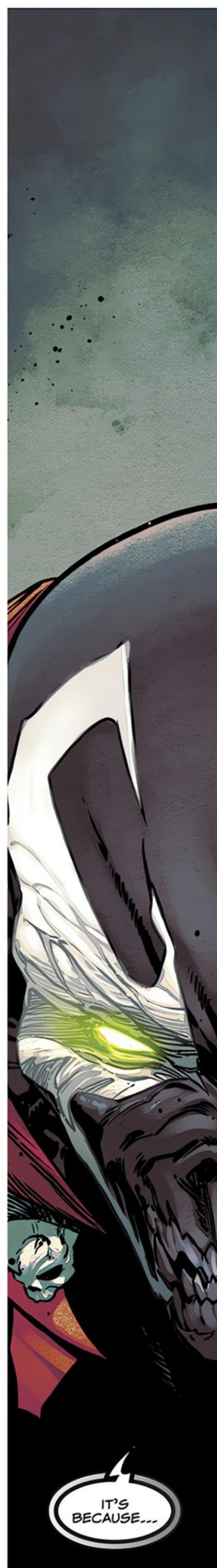
YOU USED
TO ALWAYS
FLY SOLO.
GUESS YOU'VE
CHANGED.



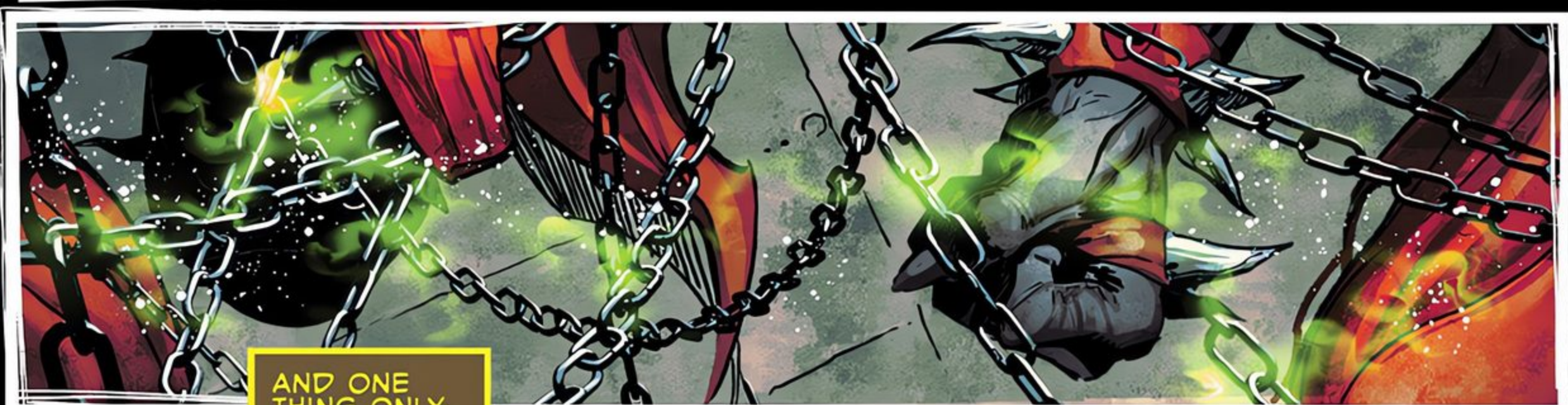
WE
BOTH
HAVE.

THOUGH,
IT'S CURIOUS YOU
HAVEN'T BOTHERED
TO ASK ABOUT ME
AND WHY I TRANS-
FORMED.

WHY I'M
NOT THAT
DWARFISH PAIN
THAT LIKED
TO TORTURE
YOU.



IT'S
BECAUSE...





NOTHING ELSE MATTERS, UNTIL HE AVENGES HER DEATH, HE'LL NEVER BREATHE PEACEFULLY AGAIN, INSTEAD HE'LL BE FILLED WITH A HATRED SO FOCUSED THAT VERY LITTLE ELSE WILL MATTER.

AND THE WORST PART IS AL KNOWS HE'S BETTER THAN THAT. THAT HUMANITY NEEDS HIS ACTIONS TO BE CALM, CALCULATING--**DECISIVE!**

WITH SO MANY WARRIORS FROM HEAVEN AND HELL STREWN ACROSS THE GLOBE, THE WORLD NEEDS SPAWN TO PROTECT BILLIONS OF SOULS, NOT JUST THE ONE CLOSEST TO HIS HEART.

BUT RIGHT NOW HE IS FAILING IN THAT TASK, AS HE THROWS THE FULL ARSENAL OF HIS SYMBIOTE AT HIS MOST **DESPISED** ENEMY!

CHAINS. RAZOR TIPPED CAPE. SPIKES. LIKE A HURRICANE THEY ATTACK!



CLOWN, THOUGH,
SEEMS UNFETTERED.

IN FACT, HE
ALMOST
SEEMS CALM.



YOU THINK
MY CHANGES
ARE MERELY
PHYSICAL?!

THAT
MISTAKE
COULD GET
YOU HURT.
HURT **REAL**
BAD.

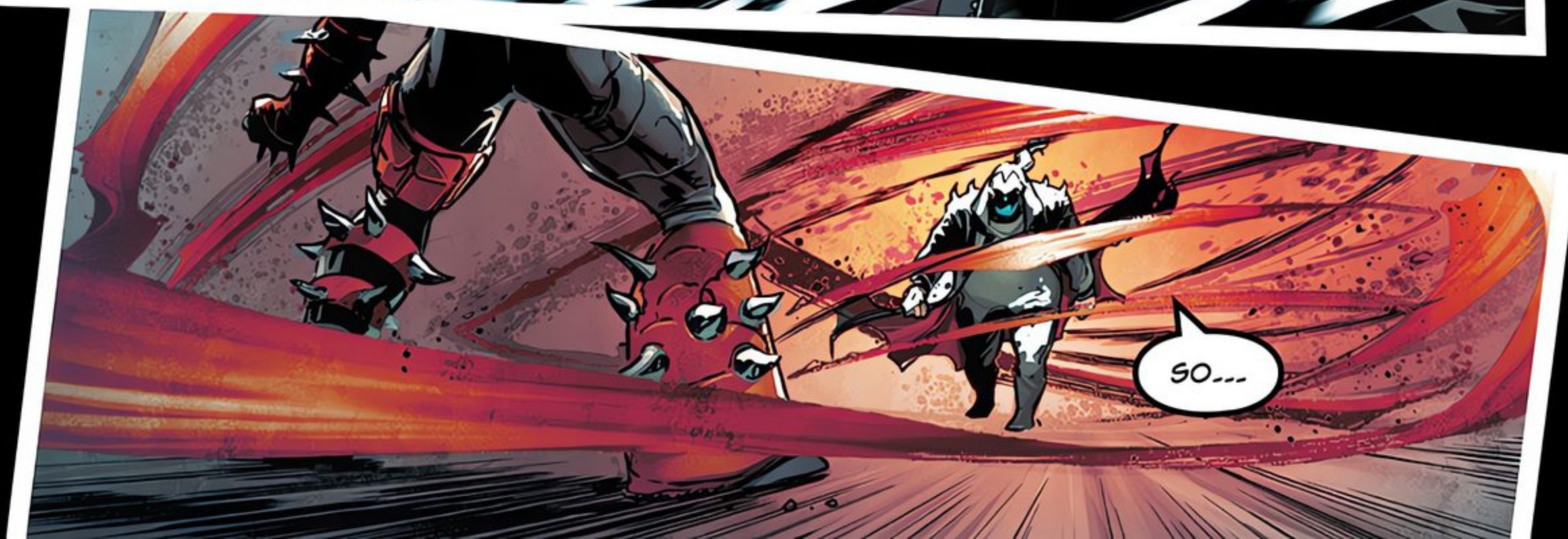


WHO
DO YOU THINK
INVENTED
YOUR
COSTUME?!



IT WAS
ME!

I WAS
THERE AT THE
START, SO WAS COG!
THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING
YOU THAT HE **CAN'T**
REACH THE THRONE
FIRST!



SO...



---TAKE
YOUR HATE FOR
ME AND TURN
IT OFF!



YOU CAN COME
BACK FOR ME
AFTER WE STOP
COGLIOSTRO!



BECAUSE
YOU'RE NOT
THE ONLY ONE THAT
CONTROLS YOUR
SYMBIOTE!



LIKE SOME ANCIENT MUMMY, SPAWN'S BODY IS TIGHTLY WRAPPED BY HIS CAPE, THEN REINFORCED BY HIS OWN CHAINS.

I COULD SUFFOCATE YOU RIGHT NOW, BUT THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE MUCH USE TO ME.



I STILL NEED YOU TO RETURN US BACK TO HELL.



YOU SEE, YOU WANT ME ON THAT THRONE, SIMMONS, YOU KNOW WHY? BECAUSE I DON'T CARE ABOUT EARTH...BUT COG, HE WANTS TO DOMINATE YOUR PLANET.

TO RULE IT.

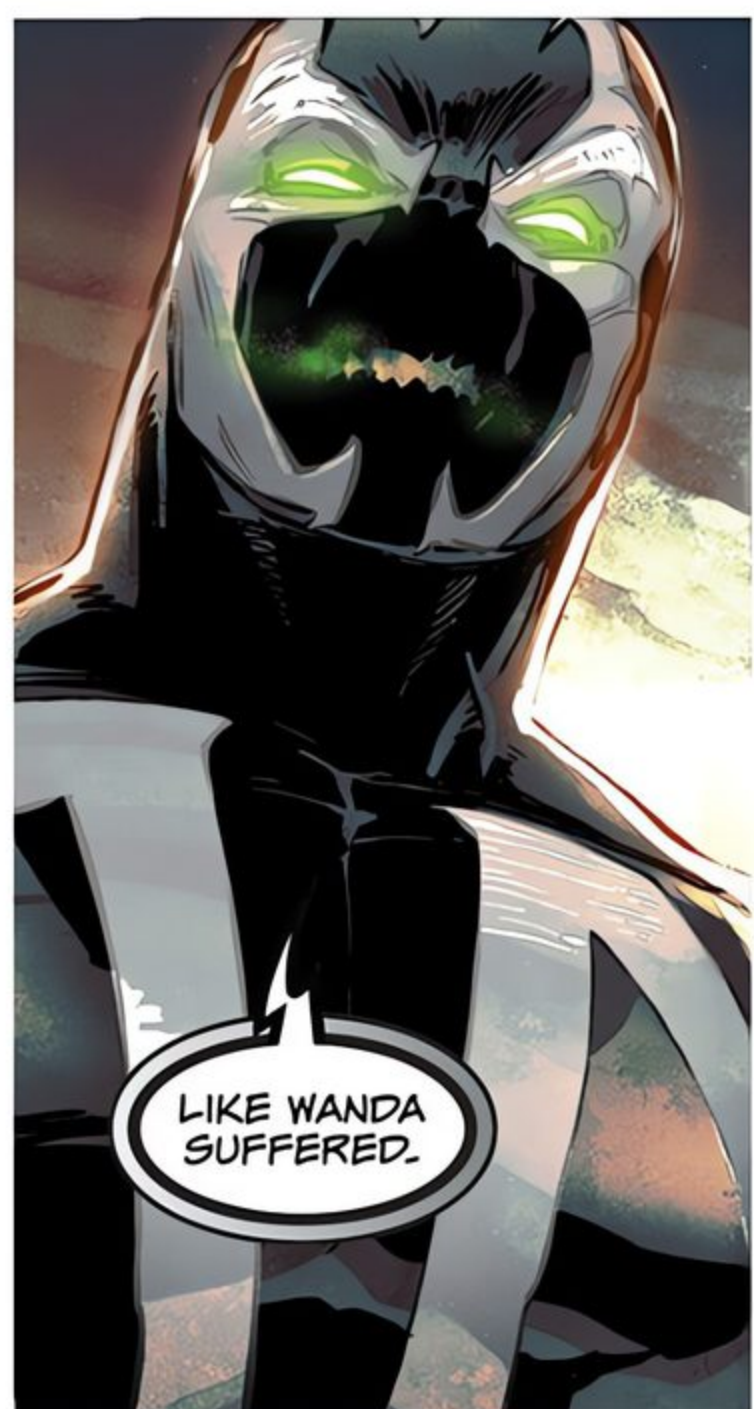


SUDDENLY FROM BEHIND, A VOICE...

I SAID...
I DON'T
GIVE A
SHIT.



THAT'S
TO SEE YOU
SUFFER!





AS HE UTTERS HER
NAME, A TRIGGER
RELEASES INSIDE HIM,
UNLEASHING A FURY
THAT'S BEEN **BOTTLED**
UP FAR TOO LONG.

AND NOW THOSE
EMOTIONS HAVE
THEIR TARGET
TO FOCUS ON.



LIKE A TIRED BOXER, SPAWN TRIES TO RALLY MORE STAMINA.

SO, TOO, DOES HIS OPPONENT.



THE THRONE, IT'LL AUGMENT HIS POWERS--DO YOU *GET* THAT?!

COG WILL BE *NEAR* INVINCIBLE! HE'LL USE THAT TO LORD OVER YOUR PLANET!



SO, I SHOULD LET YOU SIT ON IT INSTEAD?



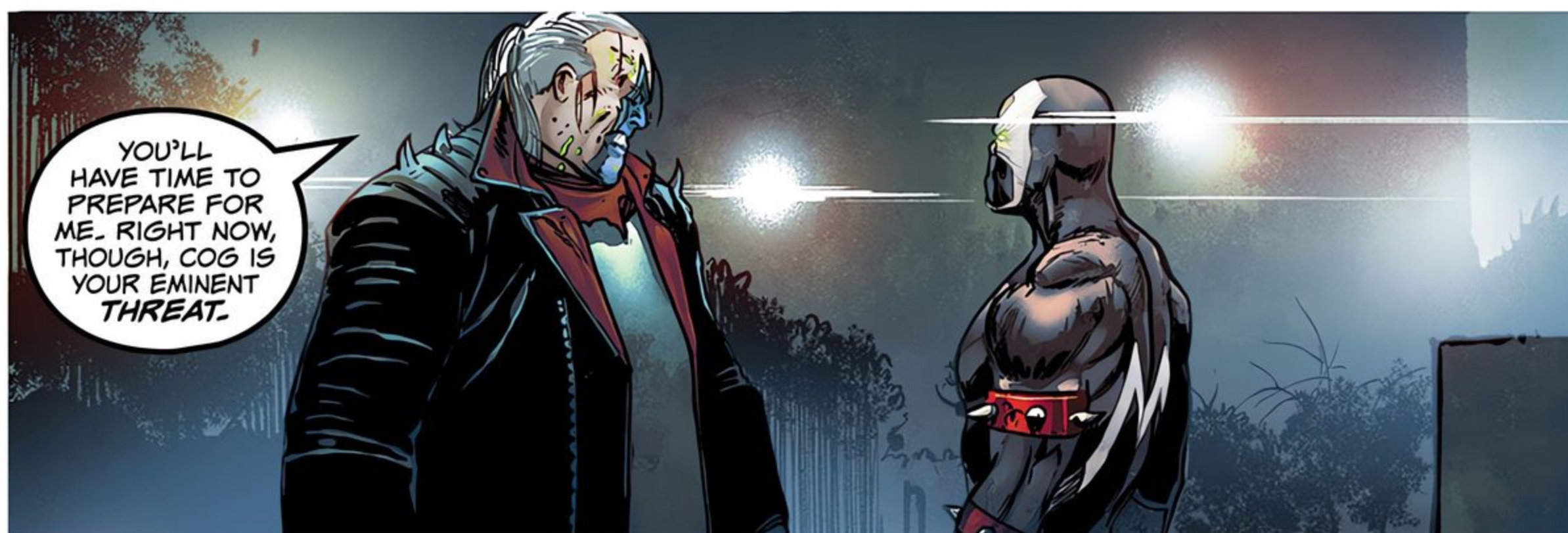
YES!
BECAUSE BELIEVE IT OR NOT I'VE GOT ENEMIES I HATE *MORE* THAN YOU-- AND NONE LIVE ON THIS PLANET. GOD. HEAVEN. THE TRAITORS IN HELL. I'LL BE *BUSY* WIPING THEM OUT FOR DECADES.

EARTH, IT'S NOTHING TO ME!

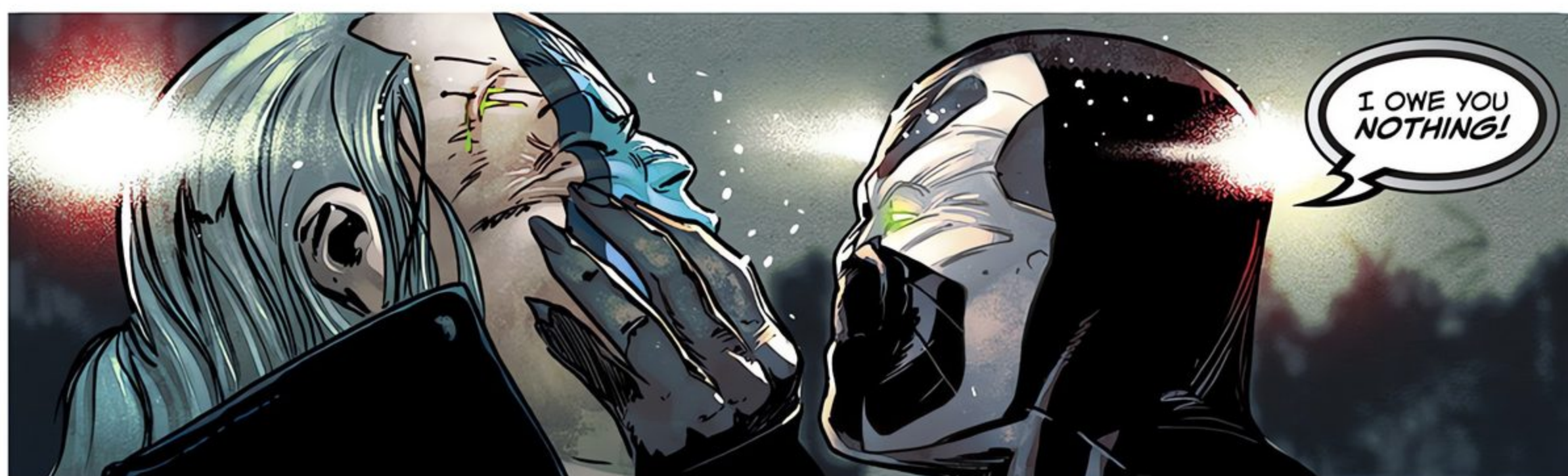


YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CHOOSE, WHO'S A **BIGGER** DANGER TO THOSE YOU CARE ABOUT. AND YES, IF I GET THE **THRONE'S** **POWER**, IN TIME, I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU.

WE'RE NOT DONE HERE, BUT THAT COULD BE DECADES FROM NOW.



YOU'LL HAVE TIME TO PREPARE FOR ME. RIGHT NOW, THOUGH, COG IS YOUR EMINENT **THREAT**.



I OWE YOU **NOTHING!**



YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.



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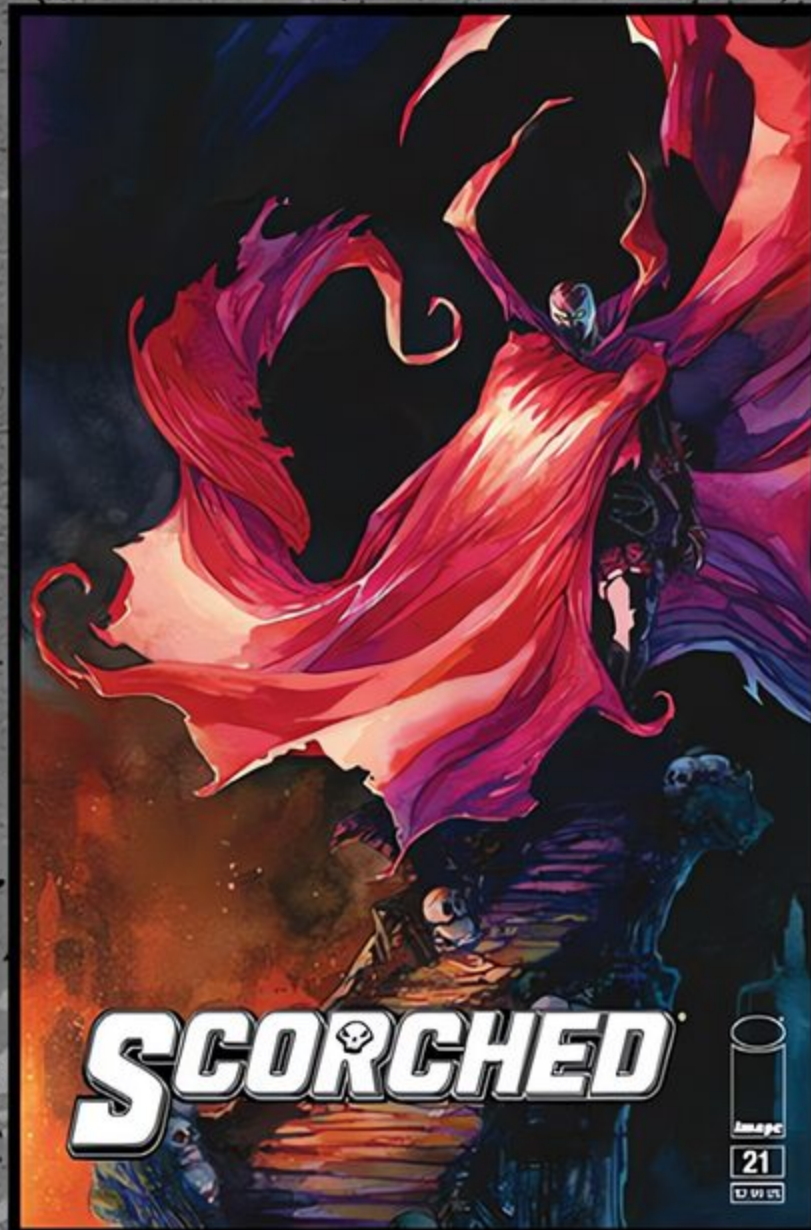
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THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
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HOWTOONS THEY'RE NOT LIKE US **SUNSTONE** SEVEN TO ETERNITY
NOWHERE MEN

DESCENDER *PAPER GIRLS*

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